

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**OF THE** 

#### VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD

June 28, 2021

### **MOTION**

Made By: Seconded By:

Action:

Title: Authorization of Property Transfers

**WHEREAS,** *Virginia Code* § 33.293 confers upon the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority ("VPRA") the right to own real property for the construction, operations and use of rail facilities;

WHEREAS, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation ("DRPT") was the agency managing passenger and freight rail initiatives for the Commonwealth until the creation of the VPRA;

WHEREAS, DRPT has acquired rail property, including parcels to expand parking at Staples Mill Station in order to meet ridership demands and enhance access to passenger rail services, which needs to be transferred to VPRA for management and use of rail facilities;

**WHEREA**S, the Commonwealth is undertaking the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program ("TRV") to expand and improve passenger and freight rail services;

WHEREAS, under the TRV, the DRPT has entered and VPRA assumed a Comprehensive Rail Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") dated March 26, 2021 (the "CRA"), under which VPRA will acquire three discrete railroad corridors principally within the Commonwealth, two of which have not yet been transferred to VPRA;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 33.290(A), the Board empowers the VPRA Executive Director to execute documents required to transfer property interests from DRPT to effectuate ownership by VPRA of property acquired by DRPT for the purposes of enhancing passenger rail service, and documents required to transfer property interests from CSXT to effectuate ownership by VPRA of property to be acquired under the CRA.

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